

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 6 and 14 are amended and claim 13 is canceled. No new matter is added. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-5 contain allowable subject matter and claims 6 and 14 may be given favorable consideration if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

I. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Office Action rejects claims 6, 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 6 and 14 are amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. The rejection of claim 13 is rendered moot due to the cancellation of claim 13. Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims is respectfully requested.

II. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,259,242 to Folta. This rejection is rendered moot due to the cancellation of claim 13.


For at least these reasons, independent claims 1, 3, 6 and 14 and the claims dependent therefrom, are patentable over the applied references. Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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